

(b) and (c) In 1996-97 and 1997-98, the following externally assisted projects/programmes were started:—

Sl. No.	Name of Project or Programme	Date of commencement or approval	Location (State)
1.	Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme.	15.10.97	All India
2.	DANIDA assisted Phase-III Project.	23.08.97	Tamil Nadu
3.	ODA (UK) assisted Phase-III Project (Stage I).	05.09.97	Orissa
4.	UNFPA assisted Pilot Projects at district level for Reproductive Health.	16.06.97	Bihar, H.P., Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan.
5.	ODA (UK) assisted Reproductive Health Project.	04.11.96	West Bengal.
6.	German assisted Basic Health Project	20.05.96	Maharashtra
7.	Pulse Polio Immunisation	December '95	All India

Population is controlled in the short run by use of contraceptives and terminal methods to avoid unwanted pregnancies, and in the medium and long-term by improving the reproductive and child health status of families. Accordingly the Programme for controlling population aims at regular and reliable supply of contraceptives and efficient arrangements for sterilisation in the former category and making available obstetric and maternal care as well as measures for children's health, in the latter category.

The VIII Plan had envisaged the growth rate of population to come down to 1.78 percent per annum. It has actually come down to 1.85 percent in 1996. The data from the Sample Registration System (SRS) shows that the drop in birth rate has been higher in 1996 than in previous years. The limiting factors are:—

- (i) Limited availability of resources for the Family Welfare Programme;
- (ii) Only modest publicity stated support for the programme by the opinion leaders and by the public;

(iii) Varying level of efficiency of State health set ups in various States in regard to implementation;

(iv) Literacy/education status of families and women's status in the community.

The Government is striving to remove these handicaps and improve the positive influence of these factors.

[English]

#### **Privatisation of Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh**

1. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:  
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have identified some Power projects of the State for immediate private investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the total expenditure involved in each project;
- (d) the quantum of power to be generated by each project after privatisation;
- (e) the details of investors who have shown interest to invest in power sector; and
- (f) the time by which the projects are likely to become functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[Translation]*

#### **CGHS Facility to Retired Pensioners**

2. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:  
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:  
CHOUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the retired Central Government servants living in Sansad Vihar, Parijat Apartments, Vidya Vihar, Triveni, Jaisheeva and other near by colonies are facing difficulties in getting CGHS facilities as the CGHS dispensary in Rani Bagh is too far and is more than 4-5 kilometers from these areas;

(b) if so whether the Government propose to make arrangements for mobile dispensary for 3 days in a week or to open a CGHS wing in Jaipur Golden Hospital to provide medical facilities to these old aged persons;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are aware that these people are not provided medicine in Jaipur Golden Hospital on the pretext that they should be referred to by the concerned CGHS dispensary; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the medical measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Sansad Vihar, Parijat Apartments, Vidya Vihar, Triveni, Jaisheeva and other near by colonies are covered by CGHS dispensary at Shakurbasti which is fairly centrally located. It is possible that beneficiaries

staying in the outskirts of the demarcated areas covered under the dispensary may have to travel some distance to reach the dispensary as there are scattered private colonies under the said dispensary where a mixed population of employees (retired and serving) and others are staying.

(b) and (c) There is not provision for a mobile dispensary under CGHS. It may, therefore, not be possible to make such an arrangement. Further, Jaipur Golden Hospital is a private hospital which has been recognised under CGHS. It would not be possible to open a CGHS wing in this private hospital.

(d) and (e) As per present policy, the OPD medicines prescribed by the specialist of a Government hospital only are provided by the CGHS dispensary. Jaipur Golden Hospital is a recognised hospital under CGHS, Delhi and as per the procedure laid down, the pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS, Delhi, can take treatment in this hospital only after getting referred by the Chief Medical Officer Incharge of the concerned CGHS dispensary after getting the initial advice of a CGHS/Govt. specialist. In the case of a medical emergency, the CMO Incharge may directly (i.e. even before the specialist's advice has been obtained) refer the CGHS beneficiaries (both pensioners and serving employees) for further management/treatment after recording the details thereof.

*[English]*

#### **Invert Sugar**

3. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether national Research Development Corporation has invented a sweetener i.e. 'Invert Sugar' which is prepared by biological method rather than chemically;

(b) if so, whether this method converts 95 percent of sucrose into glucose and fructose while conventional method converts only 65 per cent of sucrose into glucose and fructose; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to propagate this technology and to provide it to all the sugar mills in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) is licensing the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Bombay developed